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(U) CALIFORNIA**(U) Cupertino – iPhone Secret Source Code Leaked Online**

(U) One of Apple's most guarded secrets has reportedly been leaked online by an anonymous source. The unmasking of the iPhone code may allow hackers, known as jailbreakers, to find a way to break into a victim's iPhone and decrypt their data. With previous versions of iOS, jailbreakers were able to easily bypass a user's lock screen and steal their information. The current version of Apple's operating system came with new security features to stop the breaches.

SOURCE: 8 February 2018, [CBS Las Vegas](#)

(U) Sacramento – Voter, Bee Databases Hit With Ransomware Attack

(U) Two Sacramento Bee databases on a third-party computer server were seized last month by an anonymous hacker who demanded The Bee pay a ransom in Bitcoin to get the data back. The intrusion, which was discovered by a Bee employee last week, exposed one database containing California voter registration data from the California Secretary of State and another that had contact information for 53,000 current and former Bee subscribers who activated their digital accounts prior to 2017. The Bee did not pay the ransom and has deleted the databases to prevent further attacks.

SOURCE: 7 February 2018, [Sacramento Bee](#)

(U) Sacramento – Modesto Teen Victim of Sex Trafficking In San Bernardino County

(U) Authorities yesterday, were seeking information from Stanislaus County residents after three people from Modesto were arrested on sex trafficking charges in San Bernardino County. Denzel Freeman, 21, William Sisco, 22, and Halen Hale, 18, were taken into custody after investigators with the San Bernardino County Human Trafficking Task Force found an 18-year-old Modesto woman at a San Bernardino motel. Investigators believe Freeman, Sisco and Hale were involved in the prostitution of the unnamed Modesto teen, according to a news release from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

SOURCE: 8 February 2018, [Modesto Bee](#)

(U) San Diego – Rabobank Admits Ignoring Money Laundering Alerts; Forfeits \$369 Million

(U) The California subsidiary of Netherlands-based Rabobank had been warned of serious deficiencies in its anti-money laundering program — especially at its branches that operate along the US-Mexico border and are at high risk for drawing business from drug cartels and other organized crime groups. On 7 February, the bank pleaded guilty to a felony criminal charge of conspiracy to defraud the United States and agreed to forfeit \$368.7 million — a sum that corresponds to the estimated amount of suspicious transactions that went unchecked over a four-year period. The forfeiture marks the largest financial penalty in the San Diego and Imperial County region.

SOURCE: 7 February 2018, [San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

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UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**(U) NATIONAL****(U) District of Columbia – Two of ISIS British Fighters Are Captured by Syrian Kurds**

(U) Washington – Syrian Kurdish fighters have detained two British men infamous for their role in the Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham's (ISIS) imprisonment, torture and killing of Western hostages, according to American officials. Officials identified the two men captured as Alexandra Kotey and El Shafee Elsheikh. Both men have been designated foreign terrorists by the United States.

SOURCE: 8 February 2018, [New York Times](#)

(U) Tennessee – 25 Indicted On Drug Trafficking Charges in West Tennessee

(U) Memphis – Federal prosecutors say 25 people have been charged with being members of a street gang that sold drugs in West Tennessee. The US attorney's office says a grand jury returned an indictment on 10 January accusing 25 alleged members of the "Major Stackz Entertainment" gang of trafficking large quantities of cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin and marijuana in Memphis and surrounding areas. Eighteen people were arrested on 7 February by federal, state and local law enforcement. If convicted, those charged face 10 years to life in prison.

SOURCE: 9 February 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Virginia – Man Who Wanted to Commit Jihad Tried to Join US Army and Air Force

(U) Norfolk – Shivam Patel, 28, who once told an undercover agent that he wanted to join a "Muslim army" and commit jihad pled guilty yesterday to passport fraud and to making false statements while later applying to join the US Army and US Air Force. FBI agents arrested Patel in July 2017 and found his original passport that documented his travels, which he had lied about when attempting to join the US Army and US Air Force.

SOURCE: 8 February 2018, [ABC 7](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Mexico – Mexican Authorities Capture Los Zetas Drug Cartel Faction Leader**

(U) Mexico City – Mexican authorities have captured Los Zetas drug cartel member and faction leader Jose Maria Guizar, also known as "Z43", two security sources said yesterday. "Guizar is responsible for the importation of thousands of kilograms of cocaine and methamphetamine to the United States on a yearly basis," according to the US Department of State. Guizar, an American citizen, has been charged in drug trafficking indictments in Texas and Virginia.

SOURCE: 9 February 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) Thailand – Thai Security Arrest Alleged Russian Cybercrime Market Operator

(U) Bangkok – Police in Thailand say they have arrested a Russian national accused by US authorities of running an online cybercrime marketplace where everything from stolen credit card information to hardware for compromising ATM machines could be purchased. Police said that Sergey Medvedev was arrested at his Bangkok apartment on 2 February at the request of US authorities.

SOURCE: 9 February 2018, [Associated Press](#)

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